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## THE PETRIFIED FOREST.

The Prescott Journal-Miner has the following to say in regard to the petrified forest.

S. J. Holsinger, special agent for the interior department, who spent a day in Prescott recently, was seen by a Journal-Miner man during his stay in the city and in a conversation it was learned that he had just returned from a most interesting trip to the petrified forest, where he had gone to see what the condition of things was in regard to the vandalism which has been practiced by tourists visiting that place. The condition is deplorable and unless strict measures are adopted by the government this, one of the most wonderful freaks of nature, will soon be utterly ruined. At present there is no one there having any authority whatever to protect the wonderful specimens which are fast being destroyed and carried off by the hundreds of visitors. The day that Mr. Holsinger spent at the forest there were five tourists on the grounds who had come all the way from Philadelphia to see the sights in that region, and it was estimated that they carried away at least fifteen pounds of specimens each. During the last season there were over 800 visitors to the forest, and it is safe to estimate that they carried away at least 15 pounds of the petrified wood each which would amount to the enormous sum of over 12,000 pounds. It does not require much figuring to see what will become of the forest in a very few more years.

One of the most deplorable acts of destruction is that of the famous agate tree which forms a natural bridge over a chasm 45 feet across and 30 feet deep. This tree is exposed in the sand for over 110 feet in length and is 13 feet in circumference at the base and 10 feet at the top, and is a solid piece of agate. Tourists have made this, the most wonderful sight in the forest, their special object of destruction and have broken pieces off of it until there will soon be danger of its falling from place into the chasm below. Mr. Holsinger will report the condition to the department at once and urge that a guard be placed there with instructions not to permit a particle of the petrified wood to be removed.

## A Law of Confiscation.

The Flagstaff Gem makes the following comment on the new live stock law.

The amended live stock sanitary law passed by the late legislature is one of the most pernicious laws ever placed upon the statutes of Arizona. It is not only class legislation, and unconstitutional, but it confiscates the property of a law abiding, tax-paying class of our citizens.

If a person owns forty-nine head of cattle, he or she is denied the right of petitioning the sanitary board to appoint a live stock inspector at any point at

which no regular appointed inspector has been installed. The power of confiscation is given in sections 5 and 6 of the law, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 5. Any inspector or civil officer shall have the power to, and may seize and sequester all unmarked and unbranded calves or yearlings, all animals freshly marked or branded, or any livestock the ownership of which is in question, unless such animals are identified by proof."

"Sec. 6. Every inspector shall have power to and may seize and sequester all unbranded animals, or hides, or animals or hides upon which the mark or brand cannot be ascertained, unless such animals or hides are identified as provided in the preceding section."

Section 7 authorizes the sale of the property, after proceeding in a certain manner, and says the inspector shall be entitled to retain one-fourth of the net proceeds of such sale. The inducements held out by this section would make inspectors very active in enforcing sections 5 and 6 of the law.

The inspectors and detectives created by this law have unlimited power, and are only required to give bond in the small sum of five hundred dollars. They have power to appoint as many deputies as shall be necessary. Section 9 of the law gives them additional powers, which are illegal, to wit: authorizing them to authenticate bills of sale of animals, and brands and marks, and give certificates of acknowledgment of same. The territorial sanitary board are the appointees of the governor, and his appointees could not confer on their appointees' authority to take acknowledgments of legal instruments.

The law imposes an additional tax and burden on the cattle owners, which is not imposed on any other class of taxpayers in the territory.

"Sec. 19. The live stock sanitary board is authorized to record marks and brands of the owners of range animals in a book kept by it for that purpose." A portion of the above section reads as follows:

"Every recorded brand and mark, that is of record in the territorial brand book, or that may become a record in said brand book, shall be subject to a tax of \$2.50 per annum, payable in advance, which said amount shall be remitted to the live stock sanitary board to be turned over to the territorial treasurer to the credit of the license and inspection fund, on or before the first day of July of each year, and it shall be unlawful for any person to use any brand or mark for branding or marking any live stock after the first day of July of any year, until such tax has been paid."

The penalty for violating any of the provisions of this act is a fine not less than ten or more than three hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days, or more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discre-

tion of the court.

If the law is attempted to be enforced the cattle owners of this county will go into the courts and test the law. In our humble opinion, the stockmen have right and justice on their side, and will win out when it comes to litigation. The law, without any cause or excuse, attempts to deprive them of their rights and property. It is robbing one class of taxpayers to pay the salaries of the live stock sanitary board.

## Well Again.

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Morgan, Ark., May 25, 1901.  
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## LOCAL TIME TABLE

Effect Jan. 26, 1903.

No. 1, west bound ar. 5:54 a. m.  
No. 7, west bound ar. 6:48 a. m.  
No. 2, east bound ar. 11:25 p. m.  
No. 8, east bound ar. 10:00 a. m.  
Nos. 2, 7 and 8 leave mail and  
Nos. 2 and 7 take mail away.

## SHEEP BRANDS.

HENRY HUNING.

Postoffice—Show Low, Arizona.  
Range—Navajo and Apache counties.

Firebrand— Triangle on left jaw.

EARMARKS.

Overhalterop left, sharp right.

Crop and overhalterop right and left.

Crop and hole left, and overhalterop right.

WILLIAM MORGAN.

Postoffice—Show Low, Arizona.  
Range—Show Low creek and Navajo county.

Firebrand— Tarbrand—

Earmarks—Crop and over-bit left, overcrop and an over-bit right for ewes; reversed on weathers.

JOHN NELSON.

Postoffice—Heber, Arizona.  
Range—West Black Canyon.

Firebrand— N on nose.  
Earmarks—Crop and split left overcrop right for ewes; reversed on weathers.

For Drunkenness, Opium, Morphine and other Drug Using, the Tobacco Habit and Neurasthenia.

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